

HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nancy Coffee on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2012, Nancy Coffee was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal*’s “12 Who Made a Difference” for her tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, born in Boulder, Colorado, Ms. Coffee received her education at Dartmouth College and eventually accepted the position of vice president at ArtsMemphis; and

WHEREAS, she now serves with acumen and alacrity as president and chief executive officer of New Memphis Institute, where she collaborates with local businesses and organizations to recruit, train, and retain top talent; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership and with the help of eight staff members and forty board members, New Memphis Institute supports a number of initiatives, such as the Leadership Development training program and Memphis: The Summer Experience; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Nancy Coffee takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of “The Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Nancy Coffee, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Nancy Coffee on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank her for all she has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.